



**FEMA**

**Public Notice of Availability**

**Draft Environmental Assessment for the  
Fluvanna County, Fork Union Company  
Construction of New Fire Station**

**Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grant Project**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment for construction of New Fire Station to be located just north and adjacent to the Fluvanna Community Center at 5725 James Madison Highway, Fork Union VA 23055.

Fluvanna County has applied for FEMA's Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grant funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5). FEMA provides financial assistance under this program for building a new or modifying an existing fire station in order to enhance the fire departments response capability and protect the communities they serve from fire and fire-related hazards.

FEMA proposes to assist Fluvanna County in the construction of a 7,600 square-foot fire station and associated parking and access road. The new fire station will be located at north and adjacent to the Fluvanna Community Center at 5725 James Madison Highway, Fork Union VA 23055, approximately 1.25 miles from the existing fire station. The existing fire station was built in the 1960's. It is located in the floodplain and is inadequate to serve the current community needs.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to assess the potential impacts of the Proposed Action on the human and natural environment. This notice serves as an invitation for public comment on the proposed action and its potential effects on historic properties.

The Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, alternatives, affected environmental, and potential environmental consequences for the proposed action. The Draft EA is available for comment and can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region3.shtm> or viewed at the following location:

Public Works Office  
County of Fluvanna County  
197 Main Street  
Palmyra VA 22963

The comment period will end 15 days from the initial notice publication date of November 22, 2010. Written comments on the Draft EA can be mailed, emailed, or faxed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

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